

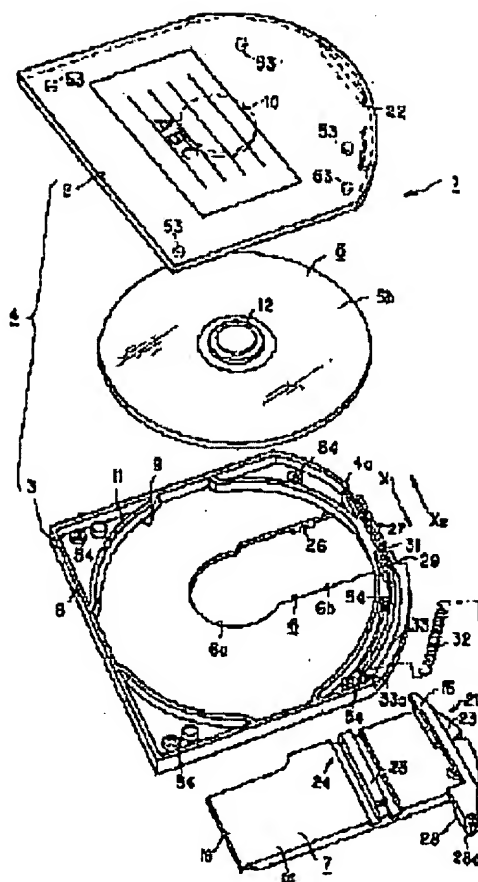
**DISK CARTRIDGE AND DISK DRIVE DEVICE**

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**Abstract of JP11353845**

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To easily discriminate one disk cartridge from the other disk cartridge by forming one side face to be used as the insertion end of a cartridge body into a disk drive device in which a disk is housed so as to be rotatable, nearly in an arc shape. **SOLUTION:** The front face 4a to be used as the insertion end of a cartridge body 4 with reference to a disk drive device is formed to be an arc shape which is nearly the same as a disk 5. In addition, in the rear surface of the cartridge body 4, an opening part 6 for recording and/or reproducing is opened and formed up to the side of the front face 4a from the central part. The opening part 6 is blocked up by a shutter member 7 which is attached to the front face 4a of the cartridge body 4 so as to be freely slidable. Since the whole shape is largely different from a rectangular disk cartridge in the manner, it can be discriminated easily, and it is possible to prevent that a user erroneously loads it into a disk drive device whose recording and reproducing system is different. In addition, since the front face 4a is formed in an arc-shape, a wasteful space part can be eliminated.



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